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Please join us to learn more or to
reduce the number of
teen pregnancies.
TP3 meetings are open
to the public at:

**Calhoun County
Public Health Department
Conference Room
190 E. Michigan Avenue
Battle Creek, Michigan**

Please call (269) 969-6365
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***Teen Pregnancy
Prevention
Partnership
(TP3)***

Background

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership (TP3), formed in 2001 by the United Way of Greater Battle Creek, is a partnership of over 30 Battle Creek and Calhoun County community volunteer professionals, parents, and students. For nearly a decade, the rate of teen pregnancy in Calhoun County has been higher than that of the State of Michigan.

The entire community is affected by teen pregnancy. For data tracking, Calhoun County Public Health Department utilizes the revised target goals approved by both the TP3 and the Regional Health Alliance as a part of the Healthy Ventures 2010 (HV2010) community health agenda setting process.

When a teen has a baby, numerous medical and financial issues arise. Teen mothers are less likely to complete school, more likely to be single parents, and most live a life of poverty. In addition, daughters of teenage mothers are more likely to become teen mothers themselves.

“Making further progress in reducing teen pregnancy will benefit taxpayers and the economy, as well as improve the educational, health, and social prospects for this generation of young people and the next.”¹

1) “By the Numbers: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing,” Saul Hoffman, Ph.D., Professor of Economics and Department Chair at the University of Delaware.

Healthy Ventures 2010 Goals

Reduce Calhoun County’s teen pregnancy rate by 5% to 76.4 by 2010.

Reduce Calhoun County’s teen pregnancy rate by 15% to 68.3 by 2015.

(Using 2003-2005 as baseline - 80.4)

TP3....

...meets monthly to assess the unique factors in our community that contribute to the high rate of teens becoming pregnant.

...strives to identify, support, and sustain existing resources and programs to maximize their effectiveness in decreasing teen pregnancies and early sexual activity among teenaged youth.

...evaluates, on an on-going basis, the issues surrounding teen pregnancy that require community input.

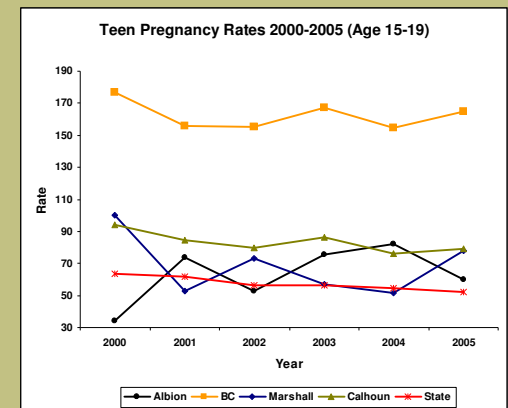
...commits to the intricate work involved in dealing with teen pregnancy issues. TP3 has become the voice in the community on teen pregnancy issues. Working with the many resources in our community, and a most important resource, our youth, will lead us in developing the effective strategies needed to combat the complex problem of teen pregnancy in our communities.

Strategies

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership (TP3) identified two areas addressing teen pregnancy issues in our community. The areas are guided by the TP3 work plan and Healthy Ventures 2010. TP3 strategies include:

- Parent education
- Social marketing

TP3 continually recruits new committee members, especially junior high and high school students and parents. It is from such members that we learn about community needs and effective strategies in teen pregnancy prevention.



Rate per 1,000 females.

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health